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Principal Statistics 2014

Gross Value of Outputs ($'000)	
Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	2,840,915
Aquaculture production	733,370
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues[1]	4,333,696
Employment (number of persons)	
Commercial fish harvesters and crew	40,940
Aquaculture	3,205
Seafood product preparation & packaging[2]	31,899
Commercial Seafisheries	
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	849,596
Total value of landings ($'000)	2,777,965
Commercial Freshwater Fisheries	
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	27,170
Total value of landings ($'000)	62,950
International Trade Statistics ($'000)	
Total value of fish and seafood exports (2015)	5,958,905
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2015)	3,520,114
Trade balance	2,438,791

1. Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 301-0008. 2013 data (2014 data not available at time of publication).
2. Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 301-0008. Employment data for 2014 are estimated by DFO.

Landings and Production Statistics, 2014

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of registered fishing vessels[2]	2,514	114	15,622	18,250
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	162,968	27,170	686,628	876,766
Total value of landings ($'000)	390,542	62,950	2,387,423	2,840,915
Aquaculture				
Number of aquaculture establishments	222	160	556	938
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	66,403	5,970	61,210	133,583
Total value of production ($'000)	411,941	31,043	290,386	733,370

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2010

	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of active adult anglers	514,329	1,860,767	912,507	3,287,603
Fishing effort ('000 days fished)	5,868	24,775	12,698	43,340
Harvest ('000 fish kept)	3,998	26,715	31,999	62,711
Direct expenditures ($'000)	614,757	1,341,143	563,533	2,519,433
Direct investments ($'000)	663,214	1,415,029	873,979	2,952,223

[1] Atlantic = Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec.
Inland = Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and territories; Pacific = British Columbia.

[2] Inland vessel count is for Ontario Great Lakes only

Commercial Seafisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2014

	Atlantic	*Pacific*	*Canada*
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	**686,628**	**162,968**	**849,596**
Groundfish	81,263	86,054	167,317
Pelagics	154,963	63,430	218,393
Shellfish	433,218	13,484	446,702
Other	17,184	0	17,184
Total Value of Landings ($'000)	**2,387,423**	**390,542**	**2,777,965**
Groundfish	182,988	119,285	302,273
Pelagics	88,527	135,662	224,189
Shellfish	2,100,485	135,595	2,236,080
Other	15,423	0	15,423

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Aquaculture Production, Selected Species, 2014

	Volume (metric tonnes)	*Value ($'000)*	*Main Producing Province*
Salmon	78,979	547,762	British Columbia
Trout	6,698	37,612	Ontario
Steelhead	790	5,917	British Columbia
Clams	1,626	6,408	British Columbia
Oysters	12,604	29,580	British Columbia
Mussels	25,464	45,091	Prince Edward Island
Scallops	114	654	British Columbia
Total Aquaculture	**133,583**	**733,370**	

Source: Statistics Canada - Aquaculture Statistics (23-222-x)

Figures may not add up due to rounding.

International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2014 and 2015

Top Product Exports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value ($'000)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Lobster	74,392	82,741	1,518,997	2,031,179
Snow/Queen Crab	55,349	53,051	682,337	720,445
Atlantic Salmon	48,576	84,326	403,603	675,402
Shrimp	83,625	85,312	474,858	558,201
Scallop	7,831	8,286	195,976	201,685
Total Exports, All Species	**571,513**	**619,503**	**4,913,943**	**5,958,905**

Top Product Imports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value ($'000)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Shrimp	52,712	54,301	694,240	640,604
Lobster	31,652	30,542	353,871	419,830
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	33,854	35,694	168,906	189,292
Sockeye Salmon	9,178	12,470	98,140	137,170
Scallop	5,666	4,487	102,517	98,240
Total Imports, All Species	**521,085**	**510,010**	**3,359,537**	**3,520,114**

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